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NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

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BY E. L. C. OF THE FRONTIER GUARDS.
TUNE.—"The Old Grenade State."

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gallant breeze is flung;
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Shall resound from old Atlantic to Pacific's distant
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With their stolen arms and weapons, and their
curse loud and long;
But we have an honored chieftain, and a Union-
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To retake their stolen plunder, while those rebels
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To drive Confederate rebels and arch traitors
from the land;
All those minions, who defy us, must endure the
"rich man's" fate;
So they cry for "help" and "quarter," when eternally
too late.

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We are coming, we are coming, like our ever-
honored sires,
To do battle for our liberties, our altars, and our
frees;
And the temple, which they founded, now so
beauteous and sublime,
Shall, by our arms defended, be the pride of com-
ing time.

CHORUS.
We are coming to establish equal justice as our
cause—
To maintain the Constitution and enforcement of
just laws;
By the God that doth defend us, and the flag
that o'er us waves,
Those stars shall shine full numbered over traitors'
hated graves.

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Buried Freedom yet shall welcome, with glad
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For those stars, just visible in darkness, shall yet
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O'er vast regions where must triumph equal law
and equal right.

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We are coming—we are marching; and our tri-
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Our decree is fully entered in the stubborn book
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On hearing of the death of Colonel E. E. Ellis-
worth, Washington, Friday morning, May
24, 1861.

BY G. E. C.
The sun is shining brightly now,
The earth is green and gay;
Yet sadness beams from every brow,
At new, just here conveyed.

The bells are tolling solemnly,
Our flags at half-mast play;
We all move slow and mournfully,
And feel more than we say.

For gallant Ellisworth is no more,
By a vile traitor slain;
His name and memory we'll adore,
When time shall dull our present pain.

The intrepid, manly corpse he led,
Each drop a bitter tear,
For him, who now is cold and dead,
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His memory we'll cherish long,
And on his virtues dwell;
And history record the wrong,
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"We are all still hard at work building bat-
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"I cannot possibly imagine why we are not
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from that place down the bay, with two small

screw propellers, having in tow an old brig and
several old scows. We steamed away from the
yard, and gradually neared Pickens. As our course
lay immediately under her walls. As we gradu-
ally neared it, we could distinctly see every
surrounding object, and every soul of us ex-
pected to hear her open fire on us. As we came
nearer and nearer, the excitement increased.
Still, we puffed and tugged away, and finally
came alongside of her, and still no gun was
fired. After a few minutes we had passed, and
I, for one, drew a long breath. We reached
the desired spot, and let slip the anchor, and
had the satisfaction of seeing the condemned
craft disappear beneath the blue waters of the
bay. What the deuce they all could have been
dreaming of, I cannot conceive. At any rate,
and under all circumstances, such want of
knowledge, prudence, and foresight, is wholly
unpardonable in a military point of view."

From the New York Commercial.
CHESAPEAKE BAY—ITS RIVERS AND
IMPORTANT CITIES.
FORTRESS MONROE.
The fortress is the largest and one of the
best constructed in the United States. It was
built like all the coast forts, for defence against
a foe approaching from the sea, and is case-
mated only on the side facing the channel, hav-
ing simple wall-masonry only to the landward.
Against an attacking force from that quarter it
will need protecting out-works. Its walls en-
close a parade ground of about seventy acres,
making it an admirable school for recently re-
cruited regiments. Opposite the fort, in the
channel, distant about a mile and a third, are
the walls of a small fortification commenced
by Government, not finished, called the Rip
Raps. Farther up the Roads, and four miles
in a right line across westerly from Fortress
Monroe, is Caswell's Point, where the Virgin-
ians have attempted to erect batteries. At this
point, to the south, opens Elizabeth channel,
the entrance to Norfolk harbor. Fortifications
at Caswell's Point, although too far distant to
threaten Fortress Monroe, would effectually
guard this entrance. Elizabeth channel, from
its opening into Hampton Roads to the city
of Norfolk, is eight miles long, direct in its course,
very deep, and scarcely a quarter of a mile in
width. Craney Island lies close to the chan-
nel, on the west side, about three miles from
Norfolk, on which are the remains of an old
fort, which the secessionists are rebuilding.
Nearer to the city, on the other bank of the
channel, is Fort Norfolk, also being improved
and mounted with ordnance by the Virginians.

NORFOLK AND ITS SUBURBS.
The city of Norfolk, located upon an almost
level site, presents but few natural defences
against an attacking force. The city and Port-
smouth lying opposite can be approached from
several points. Troops could be landed from
the Hampton or Lynn Haven Roads, within
seven miles of the city, the approaches being
easy and indefensible. An approach could be
made from London bridge on the south, with
an easy march of ten miles.

Norfolk is important for its railroad connec-
tions; as the location of a navy yard, whose
dry dock and machine shops are proving use-
ful to the Virginians, and as the Chesapeake
terminus of the Diamond Swamp canal, through
which passes the commerce of Albemarle and
Pamlico sounds. Into Hampton Roads empties
the James river, a large stream, affected by
the tide one hundred miles from its mouth, at
which point the falls and rapids with a descent of
one hundred feet in two miles, effectually block
further navigation, giving, at the same time,
an unlimited water-power. At this point is sit-
uated the city of Richmond, beautifully built
on several elevations, the most noted of which
are Shockhoe and Richmond hills, between
which flows Shockhoe creek. The city is
handsomely built, the streets intersecting at
right angles. On Shockhoe hill are the capitol
and other prominent public buildings, and
about them are clustered the aristocratic man-
sions of the city. Vessels drawing ten feet of
water fasten to the wharf at Richmond, and
those drawing fifteen approach within three
miles of the city. Lines of steamers, before
the secession difficulties, connected Richmond
commercially with New York, Philadelphia,
Norfolk, and Baltimore. Richmond has been
the great wheat depot of Virginia, which its mills
have converted into flour.

RAILROADS FROM RICHMOND.
Five lines of railroad diverge from Rich-
mond. One line, running due north, passes
Fredericksburg on the Rappahannock, and
terminates at Aquia creek, near the Potomac.
A line running east terminates at Whitehouse,
on the York river. A third line runs due south
to Wilmington, N. C., having intermediate sta-
tions at Petersburg, Va., and Weldon, N. C.
The Richmond and Danville railroad extends
in a southward direction to the latter town,
near the North Carolina boundary line, beyond
which it is unfinished. The Virginia Central
runs nearly west, being finished as far as Cov-
ington beyond the Blue Ridge. At Gordons-
ville it forms a junction with the Orange and
Alexandria road running northeast, and the
Lynchburg road running southwest. This city
is thus the military as well as the commercial
centre of the State, and a point of great strat-
egical importance.

YORK RIVER.
From the buoy at the entrance of Hampton
Roads to the light-house at the mouth of York
river, the distance is about fifteen miles. From
its source at the junction of the Pamunkey and
Mattaponi, the York river flows forty miles, being
an estuary with a heavy tide, varying from two
to four miles in width. It is navigable by the
largest vessels to Yorktown, and by vessels of
secondary draft to its source. A land spit sepa-
rates the mouth of the York river from Mob
Jack bay, which sets inland about 15 miles,
with 18 feet of water. Into this bay empty
the Severn, North, and Ware rivers, inconsid-
erable streams, navigable a short distance for
vessels of light draft. From the light-house at
New Point Comfort to the light-house at the
entrance of the Rappahannock, is twenty miles.
A space of four miles to the south of the light
comprises the entrances to the Rappahannock
and a small bay and river called the Piankee-
tauk.

THE RAPPAHANNOCK.
The Rappahannock, like the James river,
rises in the mountainous portion of the State.
At one hundred miles from its mouth, naviga-
tion is stopped by falls and rapids. The river
below the falls has the character of an estuary,
being broad and affected by the tides. At the
head of tide-water is the city of Fredericks-
burg, a great tobacco depot, lying on the line
of the Richmond and Potomac railroad.

Twenty-two miles from the light-shed, moored
at the mouth of the Rappahannock, is the
light-house at Smith's Point, guiding the en-
trance to the Potomac.

Seven miles below Washington lies the city
of Alexandria, the most important town on the
Virginia side of the river. The shores of the
Potomac below Washington have but a few
slight elevations, and it would be difficult to im-
pede navigation by hastily constructed bat-
teries. The width for the same distance varies
from one and a half to five miles.

NEW ORLEANS BANKS.—About a week ago,
we made a statement, upon the authority of a
dispatch from New Orleans, that the New Or-
leans banks had suspended specie payments.
The New Orleans Commercial Bulletin is
greatly exercised about the matter, and de-
nounces the statement as false. We are in-
formed that the New Orleans banks have sus-
pended, at least, so far as the payment of large
sums is concerned, and that they have, in many
instances, refused to redeem their issues, when
packages of five hundred or one thousand dol-
lars have been presented.—Louisville Journal.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.—A Kentuckian, writing
from "Egypt" to the Cincinnati Gazette, says:
"It is believed abroad that this part of Illi-
nois is full of Southern sympathizers. It is not
true. I have lived here since the last of March,
and have not met with one, though I have
heard of a few. The mass of the people are
not only loyal to the Government, but enthusi-
astic in its support."

UNITED STATES MILITARY ROUTE.
SPECIAL NOTICE TO TRAVELLERS.
On and after Thursday, May 16, 1861, pas-
senger trains between Washington and Balti-
more will run as follows:
Leave Washington at 4.15 and 7.10 A. M., and
2.30 and 5.45 P. M., arriving at Baltimore at
6.50 and 9.50 A. M., and 4.05 and 7.30 P. M.
Leave Baltimore at 4.30 and 8.30 A. M., and 3.45
and 6.50 P. M., arriving at Washington at 6.10
and 10.10 A. M., and 5.35 and 8.45 P. M.
Passenger Trains leaving Washington at 7.10
A. M. and 6.45 P. M., and Baltimore at 8.20 A. M.
and 5 P. M., make direct connections for An-
napolis at the Junction.

Trains leave Annapolis for Baltimore and
Washington at 6.30 A. M. and 4.15 P. M.
Passenger Trains leaving Washington at 4.15
and 7.10 A. M., and 2.30 P. M., make direct con-
nections at Baltimore for Philadelphia, New
York, Boston, and all other points North.
All articles of freight (not contraband of war)
will be transported over the line. Tonnage trains
will leave Baltimore at 4.20 A. M. Leave Wash-
ington at 7 P. M.

By order of the Secretary of War:
THOS. A. SCOTT,
General Manager.
May 16—1f

U. S. MILITARY ROUTE—SPECIAL NOTICE.
On SUNDAY the trains will leave the Depot
at 7.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M. for Philadelphia
and New York. Trains will arrive at 6.10 A. M.
and 5.45 P. M. THOMAS A. SCOTT,
General Manager.
May 21

UNION PAPER AND ENVELOPES.
Twenty different styles of Note and Letter
Paper, with Envelopes to match.
Views of Washington in the form of a Rose,
and in Book form also, separate.
All the Daily and Weekly Papers constantly on
hand. Herald, Times, and Tribune, received at 6
o'clock every night. Papers from all parts of
the country.
Beadle's Dime Novels and Song Books.
A fresh supply of Books for Summer reading,
cheap.
A large assortment of Juveniles, Mayne Reid's
Books, Rollo Books, Abbott's Histories, &c.
A discount of 10 to 5 per cent. on all book
orders.
FRENCH & RICHTSTEIN'S
National Bookstore, No. 378 Pen-
sylvania avenue.
may 28

PLEASURE GARDEN.
ERNEST LOEFFLER takes this method to an-
nounce to his friends and the public gener-
ally that he has opened his garden, on the corner
of N. Y. avenue and First street, for the recep-
tion of visitors for the season. Music on Mon-
day and Thursday evenings, and sacred con-
certs on Sunday evenings. He has always a
large supply of refreshments, wines, liquors, &c.
Also, the very best lager beer from his own
brewery. He also furnishes larger beer to persons
throughout the city. A bowling alley and gym-
nasium have been fitted up for the accommoda-
tion of visitors.
may 24—1m

NEW PAPER-HANGING STORE.
FRANCIS WILLNER,
UPHOLSTERER.
Importer and Dealer in
French, English, and American Paper-
Hangings and Window Shades,
No. 365 New York av., bet. 10th and 11th sts.,
WASHINGTON CITY.
All work personally attended to and satisfac-
tory guaranteed. feb 18—6m

WILLIAM GERECKE,
Philadelphia Lager Beer Depot,
No. 381 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE,
Between Four and a-half and Sixth Streets.
may 25—2m

THE Central Shoe Store of Henry Janney, No
348 Pennsylvania avenue, is now supplied
with the most elegant and extensive stock of
Ladies, Gentlemen's, Misses, Boys, and Children's
Boots and Shoes ever offered in this city.
The subscriber has a number of experienced
workmen, and solicits orders in his line. All
work warranted good, and guaranteed to suit.
HENRY JANNEY,
may 22 348 Penn. avenue, between Brown's
Hotel and Seventh street.

PURE COUNTRY MILK.
THE subscriber delivers Pure Country Milk,
morning and evening, as usual, to his cus-
tomers. Strangers commencing housekeeping in
this City, who desire Milk, can have their orders
promptly attended to by applying at this office.
mar 13—1f DAVID MILLER.

THE PARTISAN LEADER.
A KEY to the disunion conspiracy. By
Beverly Tucker, of Virginia. Secretly
printed in Washington in the year 1838, by Duff
Green, for circulation in the Southern States,
but afterwards suppressed.
An exciting tale, now just reprinted by Rudd &
Carlton, of New York. For sale by
W. D. SHEPHERD,
Corner of Seventh and D streets,
Washington, D. C.
may 22—4f

A PRINCELY LOCATION FOR SALE
FOR CASH.
GLEBE COTTAGE, in Alexandria county, can
be bought low. It consists of 100 acres well
fenced; good buildings—large house, two large
barns—fruit of all kinds, and in a high state of
cultivation. Inquire on the premises, or at 393
Sixth street, between G and H.
may 17—6m J. B. BROWN.

FOR SALE.
A PAIR of Black, Thoroughbred, Four-year-
old MARES, sound and kind, work single
or double, and good under the saddle. Can be
seen at the subscriber's stables, at Union Hotel,
Georgetown, D. C.
HIRAM WRIGHT.
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Union, Now and Forever!
GASSENHEIMER is in town, and will be
glad to have the public take notice that
he will sell Clothing, Hats and Caps, and Gen-
tleman's Furnishing Goods, lower than ever, and
those who call shall not go away dissatisfied.
No. 334 Seventh and K streets, Washington,
D. C.
mar 16—8m

RICHARD ROBERTS,
BOOKSELLER, STATIONER,
And Newspaper Agent,
No. 327 Seventh street, between K and L streets,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
feb 19—3m

THE ONLY GOOD PORTRAIT OF
PRESIDENT LINCOLN
Ever published, just out, and sent by mail free
on receipt of 25 cents.
The trade and clubs of twenty supplied at low
prices by
FRENCH & RICHTSTEIN.
may 9—1f

MUSICAL INSTRUCTION.
Piano, Voice, and Violin.
PROF. W. A. LOVELAND, continuing his vo-
cation as Music Teacher in the city of
Washington, would announce to strangers com-
ing here to reside that he offers his pupils the
superior advantages of a thorough and greatly-im-
proved system of instruction, including the
departments of Harmony and Composition.

Having had nearly thirty years' experience in
teaching, he is able to adapt the lessons pleas-
ingly and philosophically to the comprehension
of the scholar, so that much of the tediousness
common in musical discipline is obviated, and
study and practice rendered highly attractive.
Prof. L. has taught in this city several years,
and is pleased to refer to numerous patrons for
the most favorable testimonials.

Terms moderate.
Prof. L. will keep in tune the pianos of his
pupils without extra charge. Orders may be left
at his residence, No. 432 Seventh street, near G;
at Mr. Adamson's book store, Seventh street,
opposite the Post Office; or at Mr. J. F. Ellis's
music store, Pennsylvania avenue, near Tenth
street.
mar 15*

Hard Times—Low Prices.
MR. H. STRAUS, 385 Seventh street, between
H and I streets, keeps constantly on hand
a large assortment of Clothing, general Fur-
nishing Goods, which he offers to the citizens of
Washington and strangers visiting our city at the
lowest cash prices.
His former customers are earnestly solicited to
continue their generous patronage, for which he
returns his sincere thanks.
feb 10—6m

Gentlemen's Ready-made Clothing.
OUR present assortment of GENTLEMEN'S
READY-MADE CLOTHING offers to citi-
zens and strangers wishing an immediate outfit
superior inducements, embracing, at this time,
all styles and qualities of Dress and Business
Clothing, and Overcoats, in all varieties. Fine
Shirts and Under-clothing of all kinds. Kid
and other Gloves of best quality. Scarfs, Ties,
Cravats, Stocks, Hosiery, &c., &c. All of which
we are offering at our usual low prices.
Clothing made to order in the most su-
perior manner. WALL, STEPHENS, & CO.,
mar 27—1f 322 Penn. avenue.

To the Military Citizens of Washington.
GEORGE W. BRAY & CO.,
JEWELRY AND FANCY STORE,
No. 516 Seventh Street,
(Opposite the National Intelligencer Office),
WASHINGTON, D. C.
An assortment of Watches, Clocks, &c., con-
stantly on hand.
All kinds of Repairing promptly attended to.
apr 20

House Decorators & Upholsterers.
We would respectfully notify all in
want of an Upholsterer or Paper Hanger
that we are prepared to execute all
work intrusted to us in the most su-
perior manner and on the shortest possi-
ble notice. All work done by us is
under our own immediate supervision,
and satisfaction is guaranteed in every
case. JOSEPH T. K. PLANT & CO.,
359 D st., bet. Ninth and Tenth.
Refer to Messrs. Louis F. Perry &
Co., Dealers in Carpets, Oil-cloths, &c.,
corner of Ninth street and Pennsylvania
avenue.
feb 26—1y

UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30, 1861.
TODAY, while the old messenger was work-
ing some colored convicts in the garden, as
he has been accustomed to do for the last two
years, two of them (Noble Grayson, confined for
setting fire to Shreve's stable, and Edward Duck-
ett) ran off. The Warden will pay twenty-five
dollars for the delivery of either of them.
may 1 M. I. KING.

W. O. BERRY,
TIN, COPPER, & SHEET IRON
WORKER,
No. 487 Seventh street, between D and E streets,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
feb 20—6m

WASHINGTON LOCK HOSPITAL.
DR. SHUMAN has, after an experience of ten
years, established the above refuge from
quackery, self-labelled Indian or German doc-
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